



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. | 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Vice Chair
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. John D. Johnson
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Jen Plumb
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Members Absent:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair
President J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

1. 1st Sub. H.B. 37 Voter Signature Verification Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Eliason presented the bill.

Nate Crippes, Staff Attorney, Disability Law Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, Clerks of the State of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Lieutenant Governor's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 37 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

2. 2nd Sub. H.B. 265 Sentinel Landscape Amendments (*Peterson, V.*)

Rep. Peterson presented the bill with the assistance of Joseph Green, Brigadier General, Assistant Adjutant General, Utah National Guard.

Mike Ostermiller, Utah Association of Realtors, Property Rights Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 265 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

3. H.B. 294 Governmental Entity Budget Transparency (*Abbott, N.*)

Rep. Abbot presented the bill.

Karson Eilers, Senior Analyst, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rusty Cannon, President, Utah Taxpayers Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Buxton moved to hold H.B. 294. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher

4. 2nd Sub. H.B. 69 Election Modifications (*Musselman, C.R.*)

Rep. Musselman presented the bill.

Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Lieutenant Governor's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, Clerks of the State of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 69 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher

MOTION: Sen. Vickers moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 6

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Thatcher

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting 8:52 a.m.